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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of: David B. Learner :
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Serial No. :
: Examiner:
Filed : Concurrently herewith :
For : Method Providing Consumer Purchase Discounts Dated : July 5, 2001
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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Applicants herein respectfully request that the above-identified Application be accepted for accelerated prosecution. The basis therefor is MPEP 708.02 IV.

Annexed hereto is the Declaration of Inventor David B. Learner attesting to the fact that he is presently 69 years of age. For that reason, this Application qualifies and accelerated prosecution is hereby requested. Should any extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this Application in pending

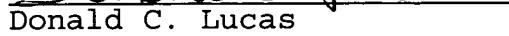
condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit account #02-2275.

It should be noted that the enclosed Declaration was originally filed in the original U.S. Application upon which this International Application was based.

Respectfully submitted,

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Encl: Copy of Declaration of David B. Learner